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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A request is made to extend the period of timely response from November 2, 2002 to February 2, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 2.

Please replace claims 3,4,5,6,7,1,9,21, 22, and 23 with the following rewritten claims.

3. (Amended) A composition according to claim 5 wherein:

(a) the polymer component includes reactive groups selected from primary amine groups, secondary amine groups, and mixtures thereof.